

# Altrincham 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Depart Stockport 11:52  
Arrive Altrincham 12:09

Old Market Tavern 12:15 – 13:15 (food available)  
Pi 13:15 – 13:45  
Jack in a Box 13:45 – 14:15 (Blackjack Tap)  
The Con Club 14:15 – 14:45  
Cheshire Tap 14:45 – 15:15  
Costello's 15:15 – 15:45 (Dunham Massey Tap)  
Rustic 15:45 – 16:15

Return trains to Stockport 17:00 & 18:00.

Times may change slightly due to late trains or a decision to stay slightly longer in a particular pub.

## The Route

*Exit the train station, use the pedestrian crossing and carry on into the shopping centre, bear right through a passageway then left and up the hill. Our first pub is across the road on your right:-*

### Old Market Tavern

Black and white former coaching inn.

Formerly a bank, temporary town hall and coaching inn, this pub has been opened out into four distinct areas together with a beer garden and meeting room.

A plaque on the outside wall describes how George Massey manufactured gas for the first time in Altrincham in 1844 to illuminate the pub.

Eleven hand pumps are almost always in use. A white board opposite the bar lists what is available, with ABV & price.

Locally produced beers from sourced from Stubborn Mule, Dunham Massey, Lymn and Mobberley have been noted recently alongside beers from Lancashire and Yorkshire.

We will have an hour here for food which is served 12:00 – 16:00 on a Saturday.

*Passing the Orange Tree, cross the road and head down Market Street, take the left turn into Shaws Road before the Market Hall, on the left is :-*

### Pi

This small pub is set over two floors, it has a 'secret garden' to the back and additional seating to the front as required. Beer is served 1/3, 1/2, 2/3 and pints.

Tatton Blonde is the regular here with Salopian Symphony and Pomona Island Lemondrop El Dorado noted on a recent visit.

*Across from Pi is the Market hall, located inside is:-*

### Jack in the Box

The first brewery tap from Blackjack brewery, opened in 2014 it shares the hall with various food outlets. The seating area within the hall is shared amongst all the outlets.

Four beers are served with Jack in the Box pale being the regular. Beers from Bad Seed, Intrepid and Bristol beer factory have been seen recently. Broadoak Perry was seen.

*Exit the Market Hall and opposite is:-*

### **The Con Club**

The former Conservative Club has been converted into a light and spacious contemporary bar and restaurant.

The restaurant section is on the left as you enter, with the bar straight ahead.

A microbrewery operating under the name of Federation started brewing in Spring 2017 and can be seen through a glass window to the right of the bar.

Beers from Electric Bear, Wiper and True, Tiny Rebel and Turning Point were noted along with the house brewery Federation – A Wing and a prayer light pale ale.

*Turning left out of the Con Club along Greenwood Street, turn Left onto Regent Road and right at the traffic lights. Located on the right approx. 50 yards is the:-*

### **Cheshire Tap**

Formerly known as the Classroom, this pub was completely refurbished in December 2015, soft lighting, a bare brick feature wall, a stainless steel bar top and bare squirrel cage filament lamps above the bar creates a stylish laid back feel. Music is there, but not too loud.

Beers from Robinsons, Cross Bay, Weird Beard and Salopian have been seen recently.

*Left out of the pub to the traffic lights, cross over the road and turn right before Toast, down the passageway and facing you is :-*

### **Costello's**

A modern bar in the "Goose Green" are which has now become a center for small bars and restaurants. It is the brewery tap for Dunham Massey brewery.

Situated in a modern retail unit it has smart clean decor with a mixture of low & high level free standing tables & chairs. There are sheltered outside tables for smokers.

Winner of Trafford & Hulme CAMRA Pub of The Year for 2012 & 2013 and runner up in Greater Manchester Pub Of The Year 2013.

Seven beers from Dunham Massey Brewing Co. are on the bar.

*Re-tracing our steps back to the main road, turn right onto Stamford New Road, a few hundred yards down on the right is :-*

### **Rustic**

Opened in Dec 2015 as the Craftsman. Refitted and reopened as Rustic May 2017.

The focus is on being a laidback, chilled out kind of place.

The ground floor area is long and thin with bench seating near the entrance and bar and tables further back. Upstairs there is extra space for 60 seated or it can be used as a meeting/event room.

Six handpumps are located on the bar with beers listed a blackboard on the wall behind the bar. Four of the beers are from local breweries and two from national micro breweries.

*Turn right out of the bar, this takes us back to the train station.*

Credit to WhatPub.com for additional data.